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CHRISTMAS.

The little folks are looking for Santa Claus each meal;
They ever hear the music of his toy-laden wheel.
They love the chimney corner when the evening shadows fall,
For there's where all the stockings hang—the very best of all!

They're just the sweetest children now that ever you have known,
And all the world is brighter for those dear ways of their own,
They love the chimney corner—for there's where Santa comes,
And he's bringing them their rattles, and all their dolls and drums.

FESTAL CHEER.

Heap on more wood!—the wind is chill:
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Each age has deemed the newborn year
The fittest time for festal cheer.

AN AMATEUR KRIS KRINGLE

By WARREN McVEIGH.

AMIABLE little Max found out about the weakness of the flesh and the willingness of the spirit at about the same time that his first real disappointments came to him, and immediately after his first attempt to commit the virtue of self-sacrifice.

Max was six years old. His dog "Jack" was an amiable creature, and had endeared himself very much to his master. Jack had to get in the way of a truck, and Jack died.

The hope of Max's heart was the fact that when he, too, died,—which because of the death of Jack he then hoped would be very soon,—he would meet Jack in heaven. Somebody—some unimaginative person—told Max that dogs did not go to heaven, that they had no souls. That was Max's first great disappointment.

The second was like unto it.

The same somebody—one of those bothersome bodies who put shoes and stockings on little boys on rainy days in the summer, and make them wear uncomfortable clothes when they go in swimming—told Max the whole story of Santa Claus.

Max took his sorrowful heart to his mother's knee, and, hoping against hope, told her what he had heard, and when it was all over he felt better, for in place of the beautiful story he had lost she had told him another.

In the long, cool grass down near the water's edge, he thought of the new story, and the more he thought of it the better he liked it.

"If Dot was to fall in that water there," he said half aloud, as he sat up and looked out over the dancing wavelets of the lake, "I'd dive in after her. Maybe I'd be drowned,"—he hesitated for a moment and shuddered—"but what of that? I'd be self-sacrificing. Supposin' I was drowned; anyhow, they'd put me in the parlor, and everybody would cry and say I was a good boy, and had given up my life for Dot. And I would give it up for her, that I would."

Whereupon Max began to think of such terrible things that might happen to his sister Dot, who was only four years old, and of still more terrible things that might happen to him, if he should try to sacrifice himself for her, that pretty soon he began to feel a little weak in the knees, and it began to get cold down in the grass, and the little boy decided to whistle and go to see the pigs.

While he was poking them in the ribs, Max had an idea. It suddenly occurred to him that there was no sense in his making it a matter of life and death just to sacrifice himself. His mother had told him that men and women gave gifts to their little children at Christmas to make them happy, and that self-denial and self-sacrifice were the true essence of the Christmas spirit.

Max had a little fortune stored away in his bank. This fortune he decided to spend to make Dot happy.

Full of this idea, he ran to his mother. Her consent was a matter of course, and Max arranged the preliminaries.

"Dot," he said that night, as they lay in their cribs, "how do you like Christmases?"

Dot's eyes grew big. She remembered the dolls of the past winter, and the lights of the Christmas tree, and Max thanked his stars that he had thought of such a grand scheme, when the very idea of it made Dot so happy.

"Well," said he, when she had told him in the strongest terms how very much she liked Christmases, "you just watch out day after to-morrow, and hang up your stocking to-morrow, and you'll see another Christmas. That's what."

Dot suggested that it was summertime. But Max said that was all right, that Kris Kringle was coming in a hay-wagon, and that the reindeer had been turned into mules with great long ears. Dot fell asleep with wonderful thoughts of reindeer turned into mules with long ears, and Max sighed, remembering his own fond fancies about Kris Kringle, and how he, too, had been happy once.

The next day was full of work for the little boy. First, he had to keep Dot's thoughts keyed up to the most intense pitch, for the little girl could not get over her doubts about the reindeer and the snow. Then he had to consult the bank. He found there was just sixty-six cents in it.

In the first excitement of his desire to sacrifice himself he had decided to spend every cent he had; but now, on second thoughts, he concluded that half of his fortune would buy enough things to fill his sister's stocking, and then he would still have a little money left. Finally, he compromised on twenty-five cents for Dot, and with just a little feeling that he was not as generous as he should be, he went down into the village to make his purchases.

He bought a large orange for the toe of the stocking, and an apple to go next, and then a lot of candy and kisses, and then a banana to peep out of the top.

With his purchases tucked under his coat, he stole home, and though Dot was fast asleep in the nursery, taking her afternoon nap, Max had all the fun and mystery of stealing cautiously into the house through the rear cellar door.

He tiptoed upstairs, and hid his things in the darkest corner of the garret, and then, with much impatience, he waited for night.

Night came, and the little girl was tucked away in her bed. The mother and father had gone out for the evening, and Max had the whole house to himself. So, after Dot was fast asleep, he got out of his crib and went up into the garret for the good things he had bought that day.

Then he tiptoed down to the nursery again, and, after looking at his sister to make sure that she was fast asleep, he began to fill her stocking.

This done, he sat down near the night-lamp, and contemplated his work. The stocking really did look very beautiful. The orange and the apple made big lumps at the toe, and one end of the banana peeped out at the top of the stocking, very inviting and nice.

Max decided to sit up and hear what his mother had to say about his work. He knew that she would take him on her lap and kiss him, and call him a good little boy, and maybe, he thought, she would cry a little. Max always liked it when his mother cried over him. It made him feel queer and nice.

The minutes crept along, and still the little boy sat in the dim light watching the stocking, listening to Dot breathing lazily in her sleep, and thinking of what a good boy he had been, and how nice it was to sacrifice yourself for another's happiness.

"HE SAT DOWN NEAR THE NIGHT-LAMP, AND CONTEMPLATED HIS WORK."

And then all of a sudden it occurred to him that there was nothing in the world that he liked better than bananas. The one he had bought for Dot was the very best one in the market, thick and rich and yellow. Max hadn't tasted a banana in a month, and the more he looked at the tempting banana in Dot's stocking the more he yearned for just one bite of it.

Max arose and went over to the stocking. He had made up his mind just to take it out and smell it, and then to put it back where it had been.

It smelled very good indeed, and Max held it at arm's length and looked at it again with increasing pleasure, and thought what a wonderfully fine banana it was, to be sure.

Then it occurred to him that

"ON THE FLOOR LAY THE LITTLE TOT OF A HUMAN BEING, CRYING AS IF HIS HEART WOULD BREAK."

Dot wouldn't mind a bit if he took half of it. He could tell her all about it in the morning. She always gave him half of everything she had, and besides, hadn't he bought all those things for her? and even if he ate the whole banana there would be plenty of fruit left for her. So he ate the whole of it, and then, half ashamed of himself, he hid the skin under the chair and took another look at his sister to make sure that she had not seen him.

And still the stocking looked so full and good and tempting that Max thought if he could only have one candy, or one of the kisses, he would be supremely happy; and so he took one out and tasted it, and it was so good that he ate another and another——

Until, all of a sudden, before he half knew what he had done, the door flew open, and there stood his father and mother. And on the floor lay the little tot of a human being, crying as if his heart would break, for the stocking hung flat and empty, and Max had begun to realize that all of his self-sacrifice had been in vain; that he was nothing but a selfish, thoughtless little boy, and that his sister, Dot, would have nothing but disappointed tears for him in the morning.—St. Nicholas.

"THIS HOUSEHOLD HAS GROWN SINCE LAST YEAR."

A TOAST.

Here's to Christmas time in Cuba, where it's ninety in the shade;
Here's to Christmas in Alaska, near where Santa's toys are made;
Here's to Christmas in Hawaii and in Porto Rico, too;
Here's to Christmas in Manila, with our soldier boys in blue;
Here's to Uncle Sammy's Christmas, though we quarrel o'er its size;
Here's to Christmas, merry Christmas, where'er the old flag flies!

Bringing in the Boar's Head.

SECURE among the few Christmas viands of "Merry England," which seem never to have fallen under the special ban of puritanic proscription, were the "baron of beef" consisting of two sirloins (a baron being, as an old writer tells us, "twice the dignity of a knight"), and that lordly dish, precious in the eyes and fragrant in the nostrils of our fathers—the boar's head.

That worthy old chronicler, Dugdale, describing ancient Christmas customs, says:

"Service in the church ended, the gentlemen presently repair into the hall to breakfast with brawn, mustard and Malmsey. At dinner, at the first coarse, is served a fair and large boar's head upon a silver platter, with minstrelsy." A later writer tells us that "Among the earliest books published in England was a collection of carols prepared to be sung as an accompaniment to the grand entree of the boar's head."

Christmas Day Was Unknown.

Christmas Day was unknown to Clement of Alexandria, and only adopted at Antioch from Rome in 376 A. D., according to Chrysostom. The Roman festival coincided with the old dies natalis Invicti Solis.

Getting Absent-Minded.

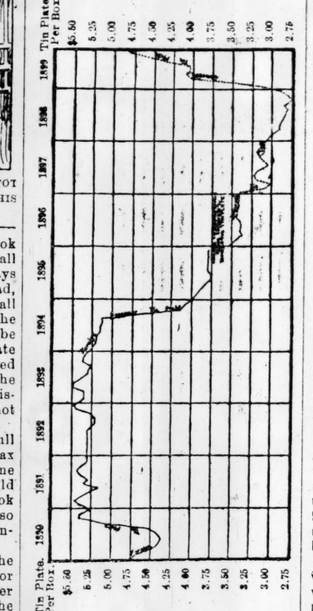
Santa Claus—"Heavens! Here I've been ready for ten minutes and can't find my mittens!"

TRUTH AS TO TIN PLATE.

PRICES HAVE BEEN LOWERED AS THE RESULT OF PROTECTION.

1890 There Was No Tin Plate Production, But, Because of Mr. McKinley's Foresight, Things Are Different Now—Saves Consumers Many Millions.

The following diagram, reproduced from a recent issue of the Iron Age, a standard American authority on metals, will be found useful in tracing tiu plate prices from 1890 to the present time:



It will be remembered that in 1890, the first year covered by the diagram, there was no tin plate produced in the United States. Starting at $4.75 per box, the price of foreign plate dropped to about $4.37½, and from that point the price rose rapidly until in 1893 it had reached $5.50, the top figure. By this time American tin plate production, called into active existence by the McKinley protective tariff of 1890, began to be heard from, and with the result invariably attending the stable establishment of a new industry under the stimulus of protection—namely, a swift decline in the price of imported plate. Welsh plate fell from $5.50 a box in 1893 to $3.75 a box at the close of 1895.

At this point domestic tin plate became the controlling factor, and our diagram, beginning with 1896, shows the prices of the domestic article. Did the price rise when the domestic producers, guarded by a protective tariff, became masters of the situation? On the contrary, prices of American tin plate steadily declined until the latter part of 1898, when the low point, $2.75 per box, was reached. At this time, mark you, American consumers, under protection, were paying precisely one-half what they had paid for Welsh tin plate in the absence of protection.

Beginning with 1899, in response to the largely increased cost of materials and wages, tin plate prices took an upward turn, reaching $4.75 per box early in the fall of this year. The present price is $4.65. But it will be observed that the rise of the current year has not carried prices back to the free trade level of 1891 to 1894. The home consumer of tin plate is to-day paying eighty-five cents per box less than he paid in 1891, when the foreign producer was master of the situation and American competition had not yet come to the front as a result of the protective tariff.

One more fact remains to be considered. A glance at the high range of prices for tin plate paid by American consumers prior to the establishment of the industry in our own country reveals an impressive contrast with the low range of prices that have prevailed since the time when American tin plate producers were able to control the situation. Taken as a whole, and counting in the present advanced price, resulting, as before stated, from heavy advances in cost of materials and heavy advances in the wages of tin plate workers, it is found that many millions of dollars have been saved through protection to the consumers of tin plate from 1891 to date, to say nothing of the many millions of doliars kept at home and paid out to American labor in the shape of wages. Precisely such a diagram as that for which we stand indebted to the Iron Age was needed in order to make the tin plate question as clear as daylight.

What Does This Mean?

"Every wool grower of the country should ask his Congressman or Senator whether the customs authorities throughout the country are collecting the duty on wool as intended by the Dingley tariff." This is the statement of a reliable authority in close touch with domestic wool interests. What does it mean?

It means that the Wilson-Gorman tariff act that allowed wolves to run at large and destroy sheep has been superseded by an act that has fenced up the wolves so they will either have to devour one another or go hungry. They cannot feast on mutton to any great extent while the Dingley bill remains intact.—Peoria (Ill.) Journal.

Condition and Theory.

"The job hunts the man now, not the man the job; and where this condition exists labor is always better rewarded," said President McKinley. This is the condition. The Democratic theory is that labor is being ground down by the octopus, and needs relief by the free coinage of silver.—Tacoma (Wash.) Ledger.

Free Trade and the South.

A 509-pound bale of cotton is worth $10 more to-day than it was a year ago. If the South sticks to free trade much longer we miss our guess.—Des Moines (Ia.) State Register.

Big Figures of Prosperity.

The manner in which the restored prosperity of "McKinley and protection" has touched the finances of the American people is indicated by a report just issued by Comptroller of the Currency Dawes. In collecting the data entering into his report nearly ten thousand reports from banks have been examined and complied. The results of the investigation indicate a magnitude of banking resources, and a rate of growth in number of deposit accounts which is unparalleled in the financial history of the world. It is shown that in the past ten years deposit accounts have increased in number from 6,708,971 in 1889 to 13,153,874 in 1899; that the increase in the number of borrowers is much less than the increase in the number of depositors; that the average deposit of the individual or corporation has greatly increased; that the rate of interest on loans has decreased; that the aggregate of individual deposits has increased from $3,776,410,402 in 1889 to $7,513,954,361 in 1899; and that in ten years the aggregate of loans has increased from $3,475,272,262 to $5,751,467,610.

These are big figures, but it takes big figures to express the kind of prosperity now being enjoyed by the people of the United States.

Have Used American Goods.

There is bitter complaint among the manufacturers of woolen goods in England that Americans have practically ceased to buy of them. Under the Wilson low duty tariff we purchased woolen manufactures in one year to the value of $49,162,992. With the freight and other charges added these goods cost the American consumers $60,000,000 and the profits went into the pockets of the foreign manufacturers. Under the present tariff law we purchased but $13,831,967. Is it strange that the foreign manufacturers should grumble at the loss of this trade?

We have used all the woolen goods we needed, we have found no fault with the quality, and the prices have not been unreasonable. The difference is that we have used American goods, made in American factories by American workingmen and women and have kept our money in the American family instead of paying to foreigners. —Sandusky (O.) Register.

Wanted to Grumble.

"Guess we will have to elect Bryan in 1900," said an old Republican the other day in the Mail office. "When we had a Democratic President there were lots of idle men looking for a job. Why, I can't get half help enough to do my farm work. There's too much prosperity. Every farmer is busy day and night. I have a neighbor, eighty years old, and he was digging potatoes the other day, and his wife, aged seventy-five, was helping him. They can't get anybody to help them. I never knew the time when we couldn't get help. And everything we have to sell goes like hot cakes on a cold morning." And he went out grumbling at these good Republican times after paying for three subscriptions to the Mail. And he had lots of money left. McKinley times suit him all right, but he wanted to grumble, that's all.—Warren (O.) Mail.

The Cat Could Do No Worse.

The Youngstown (Ohio) Vindicator quotes approvingly from the Kansas City Star, which it designates as "a leading Republican organ of the West," an article which begins by saying that "the most demoralizing factor in the life of the nation has been the protective tariff." One of the first things for the Youngstown Vindicator to do is to vindicate itself from the aspersion of being either foolish or untruthful. An editor who does not know that the Kansas City Star is and always has been one of the most rabid and uncompromising Democratic free trade newspapers in the country ought to abdicate the shears and paste pot and turn them over to the office cat.

Canada's Lumber Embargo.

In retaliation against the United States for the Dingley Tariff law, Canada a few years ago adopted a measure which discouraged the exportation of lumber to this country. Certain Michigan men, who at that time already had contracts with the Province of Ontario for lumber cutting privileges, immediately protested that this course was a violation of a constitutional guarantee. With difficulty, and after a long series of delays, the Michigan parties have at last obtained an order authoriving them to bring suit against the province to terminate this interference. The recent addition of Mr. Stratton to the Ontario Cabinet is construed as an indication that the province means to make it easier for the United States to get lumber in Canada than formerly.—New York Tribune.

Not Now an Issue.

The tariff is not now an issue, but nobody can tell what the Democrats will do before next election. There are at present strong indications of an attempt to force the tariff to the front by taking down the trust issue on the lines laid down by Bryan, and if that is done the testimony of Mr. Grace as to the beneficial effects of protection will be interesting—Findlay (O.) Jeffersonian.

Extinction of the Maoris.

Judging from a recent report of the registrar general of New Zealand, that fine martial race, the Maoris, is going the way of all aborigines whose country has been colonized by the whites. They may not become absolutely extinct for a few more decades, but their doom is sealed. Among the causes officially assigned for the thinning of their numbers are the high infantile mortality resulting from improper food, exposure, and the want of ordinary care, constitutions debilitated by past debauchery, the belief in native doctors and neglect of the sick, and the adoption of European habits and costumes, leading to diseases of the respiratory organs. A Maori M. A., Mr. Nagata, in addressing a recent conference of his countrymen, said that drink was pauperizing them and sapping their vitality.—London Chronicle.

TAYLOR TAKES OFFICE.

Change in Kentucky State Administration Quietly Effected.

Elections in Massachusetts Result in Increased Republican Majorities—Porto Ricans Voting For Civil Officials.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Special).—William S. Taylor was inaugurated as Governor on Tuesday. The inaugural ceremonies were simple. Governor Bradley said that he hoped the Goebel Election law, which had brought so much turmoil to the State, would be wiped from the statute books. Governor-elect Taylor in his inaugural address said:

GOVERNOR WILLIAM S. TAYLOR.

"The verdict rendered last November was the mandate of the people in favor of civil liberty. It was the triumph of the people over a merciless, remorseless partisan machine, erected to enslave them."

He said one of the chief aims of his administration would be to repeal the election law.

The incoming and outgoing officials assembled at the home of Governor Bradley, where a luncheon was served to them and to the outgoing Governor's staff. There was a reception by the new Governor at the Capital Hotel in the evening, and the inaugural ball was also held there.

The defeated Democratic candidates for State offices began serving notices of contest against the Republican candidates, who received certificates of election.

REPUBLICANS WIN IN BOSTON.

They Also Made Decided Gains in Several Other Massachusetts Cities.

BOSTON, Mass. (Special).—The city of Boston elected Thomas N. Hart, a Republican, Mayor by a plurality of 1900 in a total vote of 85,000.

The very absorbing local question—the street railway company's effort to obtain a restoration of its tracks on Boylston and Tremont streets—was decided in the negative by a small majority.

The Democrats still control both branches of the city government, the Board of Aldermen by a somewhat increased majority. The city, as usual, voted for license.

Elections in seventeen Massachusetts cities completed the entire list, with the exception of North Adams, which is still to hold its election. The Republicans were generally successful, although non-partizanship was a winning banner in several cities. Only in Newburyport did the Social Democrats make any kind of a contest, while in Boston, Lynn and Woburn, ordinarily strong Democratic strongholds, the Republicans scored signal victories.

In Lynn, where the Socialist vote was expected to be very heavy, the Republican Mayor was re-elected by an increased plurality of two thousand over last year.

The Elections in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico (By Cable).—The Republicans have carried Ponce by 1700 majority. Elections were held in seventeen towns. The Republicans hold eight, with 1200 total plurality. Forty-five elections are yet unordered. It will take two months to complete the elections at the present rate. The Republicans claim San Juan by a tremendous majority, and assert that there has been a complete, overwhelming Federal defeat.

THREE KILLED IN A SMASH-UP.

Accident on the Pennsylvania in Which Three Freight Trains Were Wrecked.

PRINCETON, N. J. (Special).—A wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad a few days ago near Moumouth Junction. Three loaded freight trains smashed together, killing three men and piling thirty-eight cars upon the tracks, shutting off traffic for ten hours. The dead are Charles S. Spegler, engineer, of Jersey City; John Henicker, fireman, of Newark, N. J., and Henry Zaghaum, brakeman, of Elizabeth, N. J. The men killed belonged to the crew of the east-bound train 942, the last to strike the wreck, part of which was turned entirely over and buried into the ditch at the bottom of an embankment.

The cause of the wreck is unknown, but it is attributed to a broken axle. The cars for the most part were filled with merchandise.

Two wrecking trains with crews arrived shortly after the smash-up, but it was noon before they were able to clear one track to allow the passenger trains, which had been stalled since early morning at Princeton Junction, to pass.

CAPTURE OF FILIPINO BANDITS.

Guerillas Caught by Colonel Smith Will Be Shot or Hanged.

MANILA (By Cable).—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth Infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerillas who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans.

All are insurgents who became bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began. They kept the country around Malasqui in a state of terror for several weeks, and committed twenty-five murders in less than that number of days.

When they were caught they were promptly sent to General MacArthur's headquarters at Bayambang by train. It is expected that they will be speedily tried and either shot or hanged if convicted.

Consul Hay Off For Pretoria.

Adelbert S. Hay, son of the Secretary of State, who has been appointed Consul at Pretoria, South Africa, is on his way to the South African post. He sailed from New York City for Southampton on the American liner St. Louis, to succeed Charles Macrum, who resigned as Consul there.

Colombian Revolt Crushed.

It is announced that the Colombian Government has occupied Cumana, on the Gulf of Cariaco, and the revolution is said to be crushed.

Prominent People.

Speaker Henderson is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes has a decided dislike to a personal use of the pen.

Secretary of the Navy Long is the theatre-goer of the Cabinet and never misses a first-night performance.

Senator Frye and Senator Quay are known as the Senatorial fishermen, both being passionately fond of this sport.

Stephanus Johannes Paulus Kruger President of the South African Republic, was born at Rastenburg, Cape Colony, on October 10, 1825.

Mr. Herbert Spencer, whose name is known all over the world as that of one of the deepest thinkers of the century, is the son of a schoolmaster.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

Washington Items.

An effort is to be made in Congress to pass a bill requiring publication of the pension roll.

Attorney-General Griggs rules that the abolishment of free delivery through reduction of gross receipts is compulsory.

Secretary Long has had prepared the draft of a bill abolishing the Bureaus of Construction and Repair, Equipment and Steam Engineering, and assigning their functions to a single new bureau to be called the Bureau of Ships.

At a session of the Cabinet a form of government for Porto Rico was discussed. It is believed that the President and the Secretaries favor the form used in Louisiana in 1803.

United States Consul Ruffin, at Asuncion, Paraguay, has informed the State Department that the Paraguan Government solicited bids for printing $15,000,000 in paper money.

The terms of the reciprocity treaties negotiated last summer between the United States and France and the United States and Great Britain have been made public.

John Wanamaker, before the Industrial Commission, declared that department stores are beneficial to society.

Congress will not extend the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission at this session.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Elihu Root to be Secretary of War.

A bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Penrose (Penn.) to pension Mrs. Gridley, wife of the late Captain Gridley, of the Olympia, at $100 per month.

Our Adopted Islands.

The Lepanto province, Philippine Islands, has been cleared of insurgents. The navy co-operated with the army on the west coast.

A circular has been sent to all the judges and fiscals in Cuba ordering them to announce that in the future any attempt at lynching or murder by an individual or a crowd, will be severely punished.

Over 3000 Spanish prisoners have been released in the Philippines in the past month. All important and threatened centres of population in the far north of Luzon have been occupied by American troops.

Moran, a sailor on board the Indiana, who has been in jail at Havana, Cuba, for a year, was placed on trial and acquitted, the judges deciding that there was no case against him.

Funds are still needed for the assistance of those who were rendered homeless by the floods in Porto Rico last summer.

Near Baifung, P. I., a force of 100 insurgents attacked a wagon train, escorted by thirty men of the Sixteenth Infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost eighteen in killed and nine in captured.

President McKinley's message to Congress has been received by Cubans of all classes with much satisfaction.

There has been a mutiny of native police in one of the towns of the Island of Negros P. I. An American officer was killed.

Domestic.

Wild blowing forty miles an hour drifted snow in Wisconsin so deeply as to block railroads.

Chief-Justice John A. Peters, of the Maine Supreme Court, sent his resignation to Governor Powers to take effect on January 1. He was appointed Chief-Justice in September, 1883.

Julius Brennan and Kate Brady were found guilty at Baltimore, Md., of the murder of Joseph Burns, a twenty-one months old child, by placing him on a red hot stove and each sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

John Matthews, assistant draw tender at the Albany street bridge, New Brunswick, N. J., was stricken with paralysis as he was assisting to put up the iron lever key with which the draw is opened. He fell and the lever, weighing over 200 pounds, landed on his skull, crushing it.

Two bloodhounds have been purchased by Canton, Ohio, to assist the police in running down criminals.

Frederick S. Slater, of Newark, N. J., was shot and fatally hurt in Madison Square Garden, New York City, by Walter Rosser. They had quarreled over a bet on the bicycle race.

George Bussoli, son of Commodore Edward Bussell, was found dead in his room at Red Bank, N. J., by his father. He has been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. He was twenty-five years old.

Robbers opened the safe in the office of the Pacific Express Company at Cheyenne Wyo., and secured a sum variously estimated at from $10,000 to $25,000. There is no clue to the thieves.

Naval Cadet W. P. Giles, formerly of the United States battleship Oregon, died a Fort Worth, Texas. He contracted consumption on the famous trip of the Oregon around Cape Horn to take part in the battle of Santiago. He was a native of Hill County, Texas.

A duel was fought at Greenville, Miss., which resulted in the instant death of J. C. Connerly, a lawyer of Lake Village, Ark., and Alfred B. Duncan, who lived near Sunnyside, Ark. The tragedy is said to have been the result of a business misunderstanding.

General Joubert, the commander of the Boer forces investing Ladysmith, who is indisposed, arrived at Volkerust. During his absence Commandant Schalkburger is in supreme command. Volksrust is 119 miles north of Ladysmith.

Ireland is excited by the Lord Lieutenant's decree removing Conner O'Kelley from the Mayo Magistracy. In public speeches Magistrate O'Kelley had expressed sympathy with the Boers.

The Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain has announced that he has been empowered to remove existing obstacles to unrestricted trade between his country and England, Germany and America.

A bill has been introduced into the Chambers of Deputies at Paris, to foster French influence in South America.

The Toulon squadron, now at Smyrna, has been ordered to return to France. The Northern Squadron has been ordered to provision for three months and be in readiness for eventualities.

Foreign.

The Peruvian Congress has approved the extradition treaty with the United States.

Italy's Minister of Foreign Affairs said that his country was not seeking territorial expansion in China.

Snow has fallen all over France, and the poor in the cities are suffering from the severity of the cold.

Count von Buelow, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared in the Reichstag that the new Samoan agreement contained no secret clauses and entailed no obligations, political or economic, toward Great Britain or the United States.

An attack has been made by Chinese brigands on a Belgian Mission near Muliden. The band was caught and 300 were beheaded. The mission is guarded.

Russia and France are credited with having blocked the negotiations for the proposed Anglo-American line between Haukow and Canton, China.

A heavy snowstorm interfered with traffic on the railroads and street-car lines in various parts of England. Skating has commenced and hunting and racing have been suspended.

Herr Von Bennigsen, Governor of the Caroline Islands, which Germany recently purchased from Spain, announces the discovery of coal and gold in the Pelew Group.

A dispatch from Cape Town to the Daily Mail of London says: "News that the Chiefs Khama, Linchwe, Bathoen and Secheli, with their people, in Beshuanaland, have risen to attack the Boers seriously complicates the situation. It is probable that the Basutos and other tribesmen will follow their example."

Seizures of American fruit in Germany have begun again, notwithstanding Government experts declare that, on account of climatic differences, the San Jose scale and the Colorado bug cannot spread in Germany.

Excursions have been run weekly from Pretoria to Ladysmith, South Africa, which brought numbers of gayly attired Dutch women, who took up points of vantage on the hills and closely scanned the proceedings in the town.

MANY KILLED IN A MINE

Gas Causes a Disaster in a Shaft at Carbonado, Wash.

Thirty-two Out of the Seventy-six Men in the Mine Are Dead—Two Remarkable Rescues.

CARBONADO, Wash. (Special).—The greatest mining accident in the history of coal mining of this State occurred when an explosion took place in Shaft No. 7, of the Carbon Hill coal mines, forty miles east of Tacoma. Thirty-two miners lost their lives. The total number of men in the unfortunate shaft was seventy-six, of whom forty-four are alive, having escaped or been rescued.

The victims were among the best class of miners employed in this State. Most of the men were married and lived with their families in snug cottages at Carbonado, which stands on a hill 500 feet above the entrance to the mine workings.

The cause of the disaster is unknown, but it is supposed the miners working between the 300 and 600 foot levels broke into the old mine workings, which were filled with gas. The explosion followed as soon as this outpouring gas came in contact with the first miner's lamp. The theory of Superintendent Davies is that a small pocket of gas was opened, became ignited, and caused the terrific explosion of dust which resulted in all the damage and loss of life.

The explosion occurred just as the men were preparing to leave the shaft at noon. Several hours elapsed before efforts could be made to enter the mine. The surviving relatives at once flocked around the shaft, creating a terrible scene with their loud lamentations.

Two men were rescued at 5 o'clock the next morning, after being entombed in the mine all night. They are Peter Merp, a Frenchman, and Michael Kulsh, a Pole. After Kulsh had recovered from the effects of the suffocating black damp, he said:

"I was working on the fourth cross cut when the explosion came. After that I went to sleep, and somebody came and woke me up and took me out of there."

That was the total measure of his period of consciousness. He had lain in the cool depth over eighteen hours, and had not the least conception of the passage of time.

On the other hand, Merp, the Frenchman, had been blindly groping around in the darkness for the most part of the night on his hands and knees, seeking for some avenue of escape.

Governor Rogers will conduct a searching examination as to the cause of the explosion. He telegraphed State Mine Inspector Owens at Spokane to attend the inquest and examine witnesses. The question of insufficient ventilation of the mine in contravention of State law will be made the subject of a thorough inquiry.

The mines are owned by the Carbon Hill Coal Company. They gave work to four hundred men, and had an output of three hundred thousand tons annually. They are situated forty miles from Tacoma on the Cascade Division of the Northern Pacific. The mines are in a deep ravine through which the Carbon River flows. It is a glacial river. The mines are supplied with every appliance for safety. They are largely tunnelled, and the tunnels are so big that locomotives run into them.

FATAL FIRE IN GLOUCESTER.

Two Killed and Many Buildings Destroyed in the Sporting Section.

GLOUCESTER, N. J. (Special).—Two hotels and several other buildings were destroyed by fire here a few days ago. Two persons were burned to death and their bodies were found at daylight in the ruins of the building where they had been asleep.

The fire was the most destructive this city has ever seen. It occurred in the sporting section, not far from the ferry to Philadelphia, and burned over an area of half a block, destroying the Green Tree Hotel, the Clifton House, the handball court building attached to the Green Tree Hotel, the stables belonging to the same hotel, a dwelling house occupied by John Nicholson, and Hargreave's stables.

David Young, an old man, and his wife, Elizabeth, lived in a room over Hargreave's stables. They were caught in the fire and burned to death.

The fire threatened for a time to sweep through the whole section of the city, as most of the buildings about it are of wood. The firemen kept the fire from spreading further than it did only by the hardest kind of work. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

Big Fire in Augusta, Ga.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (Special).—A few days ago Augusta was swept by one of the most disastrous fires that ever visited this city. The damage amounted to $500,000. The Arlington Hotel was destroyed. As soon as the fire was discovered guests of the hotel were awakened and all escaped.

Chief Boulet seeing that the Augusta department was powerless to handle the fire alone telegraphed to Savannah for help.

GENERAL DEL PILAR KILLED.

Seventy Filipinos Fall With Him in a Fight With Major March.

MANILA (By Cable).—General Gregorio del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's bodyguard, has been killed by Major Peyton C. March's battalion of the Thirty-third Infantry in a fight eighteen miles northwest of Cervantes.

According to reports which General Young obtained from escaped Spanish prisoners at Vigan several days ago, Major March left the coast, where he was pursuing Aguinaldo, and encountered General Del Pilar on a fortified trail. They fought for four hours, during which seventy Filipinos were killed or wounded. The American lost was one man killed and six wounded.

Del Pilar was one of the leaders of the present and of the anti-Spanish revolution. He was a mere youth, and was reported to have been graduated from a European university. Professor Schurman met him as a member of the first Peace Commission, and rated him as remarkably clever.

General Grant's expedition has visited Orani and several Western towns, meeting small bands. He killed several of the rebels and captured a considerable quantity of munitions of war.

The records of the Treasury of the so-called Filipino Government, together with a quantity of paper money and another Nordenfeldt, have been found at Mangatarem.

Farmer Murdered in Georgia.

F. M. Holliday, a farmer living a few miles from Jefferson, Ga., was murdered a few days ago. He was sixty-five years of age and a bachelor. Robbery was the motive.

East Orange Now a City.

The voters of East Orange, N. J., decided at a special election to change from a township form of government to that of a city. There was practically no opposition. The change in government went into effect on Saturday at noon. Under the act of incorporation the present township officials become officers of the city until the annual election next spring. Few changes in the existing form of government are made by the adoption of the city act.

Siege Train For British Troops.

A siege train has been shipped to South Africa from Southampton, England.

Cycling Notes.

The cheap wheel is not necessarily the best.

All riders who put away their wheels for the winter should first give them a thorough cleaning.

The rational use of the bicycle will do more to maintain the health and strength of a person than will almost any other form of exercise.

The rider who is familiar with all the parts and requirements of his wheel is more likely to keep his wheel longer than he who is not.

The fact that bicycle manufacturers expect to have more business the coming season does not indicate that wheeling is on the decline.

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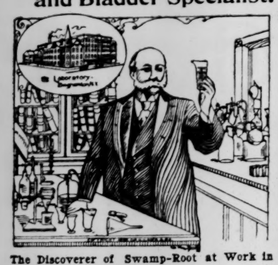

The Discoverer of Swamp-Root at Work in His Laboratory.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

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France Outside of Paris.

To get a correct idea of the French nation one must abandon Paris and get out among the people of the provinces. Paris is a sinkhole of rottenness, but the people who dwell outside that modern Gomorrah are sound and upright and patriotic, living wholesome and useful lives. When you get out in the rural districts, a charming sight is presented of beautifully cultivated farms, each farm being as trim and neat as a flower garden. There is not a foot of waste land to be seen. The first thing that strikes a stranger is the profusion of fruit. Nowhere can be seen more luscious pears, peaches and grapes.—Washington Post.

How He Got Elsewhere.

"How did he escape?" inquired the detectice.

"Well," replied the turnkey with the damaged eye, "he sort o' nicknamed himself out."

"What?"

"He pried his cell door open with a jimmy. Then he knocked me down with a billy."

"Yes?"

"And then he sallied out."—Chicago Tribune.

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UP TO DATE JOURNALISM.

We call attention to the prospectus of the New York Tribune in this issue. This progressive journal, the dean of metropolitan newspaperdom, has displayed its enterprise by changing its former Semi-Weekly edition to a Tri-Weekly, giving one more number a week for half a dollar less per annum. We judge that the Tribune has been able to make favorable contracts for its raw materials. The Weekly Tribune makes a new new departure from the old practice of the Tribue office, by adopting bolder type for its display headings in its news articles. This makes the Tii-Weekly a very hand some sheet and we predict great popularity for it. The public have hertofore been obliged to subscribe for a Democratic organ, in order to obtain a New City Tri-Weekly, and reader can have their choice, if they want a Republican of that class. The Tribune is a thoreughly complete newspaper and commands respect even among the opponents of its politics by refusal to yield any part of its space to vulgarity and scandal. Its Americanicanism is above question. It champions boldly the policy of the Government with regard to the new island possessions of the United States; and is one of the ablest supporters in the country of Protection and Sound Money. By a patent process of its own, The Tribune prints many half-tone pictures in the course of each week, and makes as strong an effort to entertain as to instruct its readers.

NO TARIFF TINKERS.

Representive Payne of New York, chairman of the House Committee on ways and Means, is certain that the present Congress will do no Tariff tinkering. "The Fifty-sixth Congress has important work on its hands," said he in a recent interview. "There will be no Tariff legislation during the present session. The condition of the country is to-day thoroughly prosperous and will continue so unless ill-advice and radical legislation affecting the business and financial interest of the nation is enacted during the next few years.

"The country demands and should have a settled and assured policy in respect to those questions. The Dingley law as a revenue producer has more than satisfied those responsible for its enactment, and has proved gratifying to the people of the country generally.

"It has furnished ample revenue to carry on the Government from the moment sugar and wool schedules began to operate. I am convinced that the happy results it has produced will be permanent."

Representative Payne is right. The Dingley law has proved so satisfactory and in all ways beneficial to the country that the people have no desire to interrupt its operations for some time to come.

A PROMTER OF MORAG.

The Protective Tariff has another and perhaps a new claim to the support of the people. It is that it is a promoter of public morals and of public safety. Warden Cox of the New Hampshire State Prison states that fewer prisoners are confined there than at any time since 1893 and he gives it as his opinion that the decrease in the number of prisoners in the New Hampshire State Prison, as welll as the decrease reported from prisons all over the country, is due in large measure to prosperous times, and the inference is a logical one. Prosperity means contentment and satisfaction. It means, above all, work. And, as we learned in four youthful days, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

Busy hands have no time for mischief, and proeperity keeps hands buy. As the prosperous times are directly due to the restoration of the policy of Protection, as embodied in the Dingley law we can rightly claim for it the honor of lowering the crimi record of the country.

The Congressmen who represent Louisiana were elected under a law which has been declared unconstitutional by both Senators from that State. If the opinion of these Democratic Senators is correct these Congressmen are as ineligible as Bringham H. Roberts and should fare as he did. There are other States which need a lesson as much as Utah.

We will export about $1,300,000,000 worth of United States producets this year, the largest on record. The Free Trade argument has always been that Protection kills our foreign trade. Facts disprove the theory—but facts do not count with Democratic politicians.

Gen. O. O. Howard has written a War Romance in which he the hero enlists as a private and coming out a Brigadied General. This has happened so often with American soldiers that it has ceased to be romantic.

PHILADELPHIA WINS.

At the recent meeting of the National Republican Executive Committee it was decided to hold the next National Republican Convention at Philadelphia in June.

No Republican National Convention has been held in the East since 1872, when Grant was nominated for a second term in Philadelphia. He had been first nominated four years earlier in Chicago. Lincoln was nominated in 1860 in Chicago, and was renominated in 1864 in Baltimore. In 1876 the Republican National Convention went to Cincinnati, where Hayes was made a candidate. In 1880, 1884, and 1888 Chicago was chosen as the convention city. In 1892 the meeting place was Minneapolis and in 1896 in St. Louis.

The United States Military Academy at West Point was founded in 1802. It has graduated 3,982 cadets. Of these 2,010 are dead, 1,932 living. There are now in the army (on the active and retired list) 1,582 graduates; in civil life, therefore, 350 living graduates.

Goeble's party quietly subsides in Kentucky under the pangs of aguilty conscience and the knowledge that the majority against them is too big even for the worst trickster the State has ever seen.

Ex-Gongressman Richmond Pearson is prominently spoken of for the Republican nomination for Governor. He is an able man.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15, 1899

Gen. Grosvenor's speech in favor of the finance bill was one of the events of the debate which has occupied the entire week in the House. The following are its closing sentences: "The Republican party does not need oral argument in the halls of Congress nor dissertations in the press of the country upon these vital questions. There are voices which proclaim the triumph of Repubplicani m that do not depend upon human organs for their effectiveness. From the pine-clad hills of Maine to the utmost Southern extent of New England the whirl of the spindle, the ring of the hammer, and the shout of the well-paid opperators is a constant and most vociferous proclamation of Republican triumph. From New York to San Francisco, all along the mighty avenues of travel and traffic, the voice of commendation and exultation because of Republican legislation and Republican intelligence and Republican Statesmanship goes up in the breezes of the morning and are sung at vespers at the hour of evening twilight. The mighty volumes of flame and smoke pouring from the chimney of enormous industrial establishments wave a beacon light to Heaven announcing the triumph of protective tariff and sound money. Mingled with the click of of pick in the coal mines of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and West Virginian is the the voice of our workingmen, well-paid, where starvation wages were in force, well-fed, where starvation stalked with gaunt horror—well clothed, well educated, satisfied, contented, happy. Their voices sing praises for Republican intelligence and Republican parriotism. On every railroad from the Pacific shore to the Atlantic coast tens of thousands of laden cars mingle the voice of machinery with the endorsement of Republican action. The happy husbandman upon millions of acres of fertil soil, as he returns from his labor, bringing his sheaves with him, realizes in an advancing market wider demand for his product, the entering of a jubilee, and his voice is heard in perpetual argument in favor of sound money and protection. The scratch of the pen upon the record in the northwest end the southwest as it cancels the millions of mortgages placed there in the hour of Democratic distress and starvation, now canceled by the payment of money that has come to the owers of these splendid farms through the intelligence and patriotism of Republican administration, joins in the glad cry of endorsement all along the line."

Hon. Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, vice-chairman of the Republican National committee, now in session in Washington to name the time and place for holding the next national convention, was asked who he thought would be nominated on the ticket with President McKinley, and he said in reply: "If I were prophesying on the ticket with President McKinley and Root. Although I am a Western man, I can see reasons, which admit of flo argument, for the Vice Presidential nomination going to an Eastern man. It seems to be conceded generally that New York ought to produce him. Mr Root would give the strength, fiemness and prestige to the ticket which another man would not do, and which are needed. He has made a splendid record for himself as the head of the War Department, and in every way fitted for the place which Mr. Hobart graced."

The executive committee of the National Republican League met in Washington this week with forty-four of its fifty-six members present. It named the third Tuesday of nexr July as the date and St. Paul, Minn., as the place our holding the League convention. The committee, in accordance with a resolution unamiously adopted, called upon President McKinley and expressed its hearty endorsement of his wise and patriotic administration; the committee also adopted a resolution condeming the disfranchise amendment proposed to the constitution of North Carolina, as a violation of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

Senator Pritchard has introduced a resolution declaring the proposed amendment of the State constitution of North Carolina; to be a violation of the constitution of the United States.

The Roberts committee is trying to get at the facts, and chairman Taylor still hopes to avoid having to go to Utah to hear witnesses. Two acts of Roberts this week are regarded as little short of a confession of a confession of his guilt. The first was his refusal to appear before the committee as a sworn witness and the second was his brief submitted to the committee, in which he kenied the right of the committee to investigate the charges against him. But his quibbles will avail him nothing, although owing to the committee to afford him every opportunity to clear himself, it may delay the report. The only question at issue is whether Roberts is a poliganist, and that proof will be overwhelmingly in the affirmative is certain.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon hea and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discoverep a way to recovery by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first doses that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co., of Shelby, N.C. Trial bottles free at A. Wadsworth's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1. Every bottle guaranteed.

POISONED WEAPONS.

HOW SAVAGE NATIONS MAKE SURE OF DEALING DEATH.

Some of the Venomous Mixtures Used by the Barbarians Retain Their Life Destroying Properties For an Indefinite Time.

From the age of stone up to the time when the art of killing one's neighbor led to the discovery of powder and fire-arms primitive peoples, owing to the insufficiency of their weapons to cause prompt death, have invented means of giving them poisonous qualities. Poisoned weapons, whether they are arrows, knives, lances or what not, may get their fatal properties from either vegetable or animal poisons.

The South American Indians use curare; the natives of India, Indo-China, Borneo and the Moluccas employ, or rather did employ, the upas to poison their weapons; the negroes of the Sudan and the Kongo still make use of a poison extracted from different varieties of strophanthus called m'boumou or ine, according to the regions where it is employed; the people of South Africa, the Hottentots, the Bushmen, the Kaffirs and the Akkas, poison their arrows with the venom of divers serpents, the cobra de capello among others; certain tribes of equatorial Africa, the N'Dris and the Banjiris, use their arrows after long burial in decomposing corpses, to communicate blood poisoning, which results in speedy death; in Oceanica the natives of New Caledonia, the Hebrides and the Solomon group give their enemies lockjaw by soaking their arrows in marshes containing large quantities of the bacillus of tetanus.

The first three kinds of poison are practically of vegetable origin, though the local medicine men mix with their preparations red ants, snakes' venom, toads' eyes, etc. They are the characteristic alkaloids of plants, which serve as the basis of a deadly poisonous mixture. Curare, upas and m'boumou have as their principal elements plants whose species vary with the tribe, and which all belong to the strychnine family. The three last named poisons, except that of the South African negroes, are of microbial origin.

What are the value, duration and activity of these poisons? Curare keeps indefinitely. In 1757 in the course of experiments in physiology made in France with curarized arrows brought in 1752 from equatorial America by La Condamine, a fowl scratched with one of these arrows died in seven minutes. Among the Ouiteto Indians, lumps of curare handed down from father to son have preserved all their poisonous activity, although covered with mold. The same may be said for the upas, which, kept in little sections of bamboo for seven or eight years, retains the same active qualities as when freshly prepared. Malay weapons, even those of steel, always keep their poisonous properties.

The black races that use ine claim that it will keep only a short time before it spoils. Now, ine, which is an aqueous maceration of strophanthus seeds, to which is added the juice of a fig or of a euphorbi, and generally also vipers' venom, becomes covered with mold at the end of a few weeks, but notwithstanding it has preserved all its toxic properties. Guinea pigs have been killed in a few minutes by being scratched with arrows whose points had molded. In fact, the vegetable poisons used by primitive peoples for their arrows keep indefinitely and always make effective weapons.

This is not the case with poisons of animal or microbian origin. As we have seen above, the Bushmen, the Kaffirs and the Akkas poison the points of their arrows with serpent venom, especially that of the cobra. At the end of two or three weeks their arms have lost all harmful quality. This is due to a single cause. The venom of snakes, which is preserved indefinitely in alcohol, becomes covered in air with a peculiar mold, which has not been studied hitherto and which removes all poisonous effect from the venom.

The poison used on the arrows of the N'Dris of the Upper Ubanghi is nothing else than the septic vibrio (microbe of blood poisoning), which dies in the air if it is not in the presence of decomposition. Thus those arrows are harmful only during a very short time. As for the arrows of the New Caledonians, which infect their victim with tetanus, authorities do not agree about the duration of their harmful action, although it is proved that the bacillus of Nicolaier cannot live except in a very moist medium and together with other bacilli, harmless or otherwise, such as the septic bacillus, which, as we have seen, dies in a short time.

Thus in all cases the poisoned arrows of the races that make use of vegetable alkaloids are much more to be feared than those of the tribes that employ poisons of animal or microbian origin.

He Fools the Surgeon.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest pile cure on earth, and the best salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by A. Wadsworth, druggist.

From Neighboring Towns.

MANTEO.—Mrs. G. A. Griffin has been very sick.... Miss Eva Evans has been visiting friends and relatives at Camden.... Mrs. R. E. L. Wescott, an estimable lady, died on the 13th inst.

HERTFORD.—Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Penelope E. Warren to Mr. Richard E. Warren on the 27th inst.....Mr. T. C. Babb is quite ill with pnuemonia.....Mr. Howard Camper has accepted the position at the railroad formerly occupied by Mr. Babb.....Deputy Postmaster Charsles Wheelee made a business trip to Elizabeth City on Tuesday....Two colored men named Edward Harrell and Stephen Mitchell, of Harvey's Neck, on returning from Edenton one evening last week where they had imbibed rather freely of whisky, according to Mitchell's statement when about a quarter of a mile from Hassell's home, Hassel was walking in advance of him when he heard a pistol report, and Hassell fell to the ground with a groan. Mitchell ran to a house near by, shouting that "Hassel had killed himself." The parties in the house went to where Hassel had fallen and found him lying face downward upon the ground with a pistol in his hand. The blood was pouring from a hole in his head behind the right ear. The body was removed to his home where an inquest was held. Mitchell was arrested and lodged in jail to await the action of the next grand jury..... The kitchen and dwelling of Mr. Mat H. White narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Tuesday morning. They were saved by timely discovery and heroic work.

EDENTON.—A large crowd assembled at the M. E. Church Monday at high noon to witness the marriage of Miss Irma Hope Brinkley to Mr. McC Green, of Wilmington, N. C., Miss Eva Evans and Mr. Carroll W. Brinkley were the attendants. Messrs. Will and Richard Brinkley acted as ushers....Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Folk are visiting in Elizabeth City. ....The Branning Manufactoring Company are putting in water towers at their mills here....Collector Duncan has appointed Mr. D. G. Bond, of this place, to a position in the revenue service.....Mrs. J. W. Spruill, a long tsme sufferer, died very suddenly on Oakum street on Saturday last ....Mrs. W. B. Shaw of Henderson, is visiting relatives here.....P. O. Inspector W. S. McGinness was in our city thisweek....The many friends of Mr. A. T. Bush, will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of pneumonia....Our cotton mill is buying large quantities of cotton preparing to begin operations....As this will be the last issue of the Carolinian before Xmas your correspondent and many friends in Edenton wish the Editor and Staff a most pleasant season....Our merchant's stores are filled with a splendid variety of holiday goods.

Glorious News

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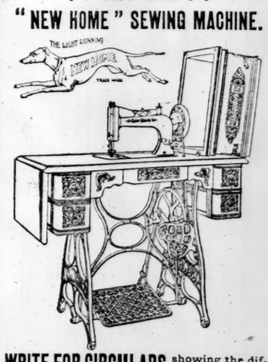

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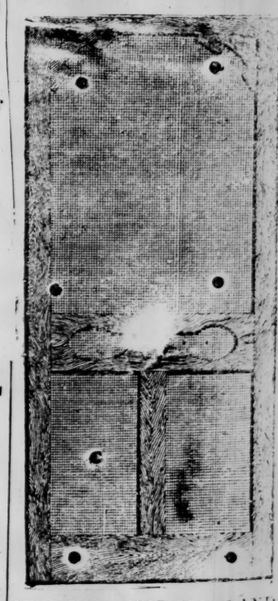

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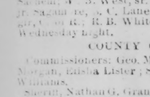

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☞ Avoid the mistakes you made in 1899.

☞ Get out of debt as fast as you can, and try and keep out.

☞ Because of our Foreman being summoned to serve on the Grand Jury, we are unable to give our usual amount and variety of reading matter this week.

☞ Desiring to begin the year 1900 with a paid up subscription list, we earnestly hope that all in arrears will promptly pay up. We will greatly appreciate it.

☞ J. Q. A. Wood has just received a carload of fine Horses and Mules which will be sold cheap for cash or on time. Call and see them at Mack Fletcher's on Poindexter street.

☞ The old idea of "curfew" law to keep young boys and gids off the streets at night, is being agitated in many towns. Parental authority backed by an old slipper ought to be sufficient.

☞ According to general custom, there will be no paper issued from this office next week. The CAROLINIAN force will take their usual holiday vacation. The next issue will promptly appear on the morning of January 4th.

☞ Attorney General Walser has given out his opinon in the School Boards cases. He directs the State Superintendent to recognize the boards appointed by the Legislature of 1897, and to enforce the law of 1897.

☞ Senator J. C. Pritchard is being strongly recommended and endorsed in many parts of the Union for Vice President. No better selection could be made, His name on the ticket would make a strong one, especially in the South,

☞ As both Christmas and New Year will have passed before another issue of the CAROLINIAN appears, we take this occasion to sincerely wish that for our patrons, one and all, the first may be an innocently Merry one, and that the latter may be an exceptionally Happy one.

☞ Since the Contractor has employed a new Foreman, Mr. Tim Burgess, of Richmond, the stone paving on Poindexter street is making satisfactory progress. He thoroughly understanns his business and is seeing to it that first-class work is done.

☞ The special term of our Court last week continued until Saturday. Several cases were compromised. The most of those tried were not of public interest. The most important case and which consumed the most time was the damage suit of Brown vs. Brown. The verdict was $2,366 for the plaintiff.

☞ The eclipse of the Moon took place on Saturday night as the Astronomers predicted. It was a great The performance began early in the evening. Luna was in full splendor in a clear sky when the declining sun first brought her into view. The shadows slowly obscured her disk until 8:15 oclock when she was in almost total eclipse, only a narrow yellow rim of her own brigtness surrounding the disk. The moon then appeared like a glowing crimson ball with spots of purple.

☞ It is beginnig to be feared that the oyster catch this season is going to be a small one. It is said that the great August storm carried such large deposites of mud over the oyster bed as to bury and kill great numbers of them. Thus far, instead of dredgers of getting 100 bushels a day, they, thus far have not been able to get 25 bushels. This is a great disappointment as well as a serious loss. Never in the oyster annals in our waters has the outlook looked so gloomy.

☞ The regular winter term of our Superior Court opened on Monday Judge Starbuck presiding. His Honor's charge to the Grand Jury was plain and practical. J. B. Ferebee is Foreman and the other members are: R. F. Simpson, J. W. Price, Steven Williams, T. C. Morgn, T. C. Fletcher, J. J. Sharber, L. Chapman, Hall Ballance, N. I. Williams, William Speight, Levi Temple, W. P. Pritchard, S. Davis, J. Russell, J. R. Spellman, A. A. Small, Stokley, J. B. Spellman. There are are a number of State cases which Solicitor Ward is energetly tackling. Among the cases tried and convicted are Wm. Coppersmith, assault with a deadly weapon—sentenced 90 days in jail. John Harris, alias Linwood Bullock, colord, larceny—sentenced 12 months to the Penetentiary; and Noah Gray, for killing James Herring, both colored, —Verdict manslauter, sentence, 20 years in State prson.

Polygamy is called a side issue, probably for the reason that involves so many ribs

☞ It is said the worst thing in being fat is that you are so much in your own way.

Mr. Roberts has at least given the country a fine imitation of man with three wives trying to be funny.

☞ We are asked whether Roberts the Congressman with three wives from Utah is a Democrat? We answer, Yes.

☞ To the inquiry of "A Reader," we reply: There were fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence and John Hancock was the first

☞ The cotton gin and grist mill of Mr. Philip Bray, of Sligo, were destroyed by fire one day last week. Loss about $3,000. No insurance.

☞ As Aristotle told us two thousand years ago and more, is no end of talk about equalizing our riches, while what is urgent is to equalize our desires.

☞ Attention is called to the prospectus of the Eclectic Magazine for the year 1900.

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☞ "A Subscriber" says "A neighbor contends that Mr. Hobart was the first Vice President to die while holding office Can this be true? No The following other Vice Presidents died in office: Glinton in 1812; Gerry, in 1814; King, in 1853; Wilson, in 1875; and Henderson in 1885.

☞ The CAROLINIAN has received the following telegram from Price McCormick & Co., of New York:

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LOCAL MENTION

The sun rose this morning at 7:11 and will set to-night 4:46 o'clock.—When the teacher asked little Johnny to define the first person, he promptly answered "Adam."—Dr. A. L. Pendleton has gone to Key West, Florida, on a business visit.—It takes influence nowdays to succeed. Even the dentist must have a pull.—Superior Court Clerk Meekins, of Manteo, was in the city on Friday and gave us a call.—Do not measure your industry by what you are going to do to-morrow.—The gorgious displays in the store windows are reminders that Christmas is near at hand.—He isn't always happiest who wears the happiest look.—Mr. Jas. W. Graves, Mail Agent on the Baltimorn line, spent several days at home the past week.—Still water runs deep, but still whiskey can be measured with two fingers.—Miss Minnie Campen, of Hertford, is visiting friends here.—The cook as well as the dressmaker shows her taste in dressing.—Says an interpreter of Gobbler talk:

"No more are days of joy to me.
No more my sweet voice sings
In praise of him who fed me well,"
'Tis thus the turkey sings.

—Many of the school boys and girl are at home to spend Christmas.—Mrs. S. H. White, of South Norfolk, is visiting friends here.—Even an old bachelor wants a better half when any one attempts to shove a counterfeit 50 cent piece off on him.—Messrs Dunstan, Old and Hollowell have sold five more lots off the Richardson tract to Mr. J. W. Ballance.—If there is anything more slippery than an eel it is a one dollar bill.—Mr. W. G. Pool, of the Internal Revenue Service, was again here the other day on official business.—It really requires a marvelous amount of tact to appear thankful at Christmas for something you didn't want—Mr. Wm Swain, who was confined to his home several weeks by sickness, is able to be up and out again.—It is the wise head that makes the still tongue.—Mr W. J. Morgan, of Oriental, is in the City to spend Christmas.—When little Tom asked his father why they always represent Victory as a Woman? was told, "When you grow up and getmaried my son, you will find out.—The Versifier thus calls attention

Give ear, oh friends and publicans,
And regulate your living,
So that a few days hence you may
Have cash for Christmas giving,

You are never sorry for being generous with an enemy.—Mrs. Nannie Jewell, of Portsmouth, is here on a visit to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Hale Jewell.—You may pick out fools by their question and wise ones by their answers.—Mrs. Willis N. Gregory is off on a visit to friends and relatives in Philadelphia and will visit friends in Washington City before her return.—Sometimes a girl refuses a man in haste and repents at leisure.—Mrs. Clara Bradford, who has been quite ill, is, we are glad to learn has regained her usual health.—A pretty girl's mirror indulges in pleasant reflections.—A good many people can truthfully say:

If I had all the money back
For which I feel regret,
No doubt 'twould soon be fooled away
In sillier fashion yet.

—Matches may be made in Heaven, but love can be made in any place.—Mr. F. S. Creef, of East Lake, called on Friday and paid his respects.—Anyway his Satanic Majesty never conducts business in his wife's name.—Blessed are the children who can still hang up their stockings and believe implicitly that a really, truly Santa Claus will fill them.—Doubt when you will, but never doubt yourself.—"Doctor," said a certain patient, "I'm suffering the torments of hell," "What! Already?" was the Doctor's reply.—It is not wise to have so merry a Christmas that you cannot have a happy New Year.—Somebody thus speaks of the Tell-tale voice:

But when the ass in lion's skin
Does bray, the truth we wot:
His ears may have deceived us,
But our's, at least, do not.

—"Have you ever been dragged into a saloon?" a certain frequenter of a thirst-quenchery was asked. "No," was the honest answer, but I've been dragged out."—The night before Christmas is one of the rare occasions on which the small boy is threatened with insomania.—Mr. John A. Kramer, of Kramer Bros. & Co., made a business trip to Jamesville and other points over the sound, the past week.—Mr. C. H. Sanderlin, of Belleross, has accepted a position as salesman in Melick's Mammouth store.—Mr, A. F. Stafford, a prosperous farmer of Rosedale, called on Monday last and paid his respects.—Mr. Erskin Ehringhause, who has been attending the Baltimore College of Dentistry, is at home to spend Christmas with his parents.—We are glad to learn that Mr. Sam. Modlin who has been so critically ill, is now on the way to recovery.—The past week has been a very busy one with our merchants.—Mr. D. C. Twiford, of East Lake, called on Monday and paid his respects.—Charles Whedbee esq., Hertford, called on Tuesday and gave us a very pleasant chat.—Mr George Waters has been employed as Time Keeper of the workmen on paving Poindexter street. A first-class man for the place.—Wilkins, of Suncock, N. H., is in the City looking after interest he has here.—Messrs Dawes, Bramble and Ziegler, have returned from a hunting trip in Hyde. They bagged a big lot of game.

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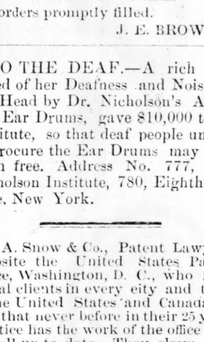

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OUR COLORED PEOPLE

BY SPECIAL REPORTER.

[Items of interest concerning the Colored People will regularly appear in this column.]

Charles Gaskins, an aged resident of Pritchardtown was buried on last Monday.

Mrs. Clarinda White arrived home from New York last week.

Rev. H. B. Pettigrew, of Edenton, was in the city last week.

Mrs. L. V. Skinner, who is engaged in teaching at Chapanoke, spent Friday and day at home.

Prof. James W. Brown who spent last week here returned Monday to Atlantic City.

Mesdames Louisetta Close and Della Worsley of Hamilton spent a few days of last week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price, who have been north for several months returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Jones continues quite ill at her home on Shannon street.

The several schools will close Friday for the holidays and of course, the small boy is jubilant.

Our young townsman A. W. White, who has been spending several months in Portsmouth has returned home.

One marriage last week, another this, and at least two others are announced to take place before the holidays are over

Don't forget the Emancipation Celebration Monday, January 1st, according to program; the exercises will be held in Samaritan Hall on Lawrence street beginning at 10 a. m., and the parade will begin at 12 m.

Mr. Aurelius White and Miss Harriet A. Cabarruss were happily made one in the bonds of matrimony last Thursday evening.

The funerals of Mrs. Lucy Winslow and Mr. George Henley were preached in Mt. Lebanon Church last Friday both at the same hour. Its not often that this occurs in our little town.

On Monday night, January 1st the faculty and students of Roanoke Institute will hold a litterary entertainment in the interest of their school. It promises to be highly entertaining

Miss Ella Bowe and Mr. George Blount were quietly married last night at the home of the bride's parents on Body Road. They are probably the youngest couple recently married in this community; the bride being 15 and the groom 21.

Rev. Luke Pierce will deliver his last sermon as pastor at Olive Branch Church Sunday evening, his resignation having been tendered and accepted some months ago, He will be succeeded by M. W. D. Norman of this city.

Dr. G. W. Cardwell will leave Monday for his former home, Reidsville, where on Wednesday he will be married to Miss F. E. Lowe of that city. While away his patients will be in charge of Dr. Lumsden.

The Trustees of the Normal School property are endeavoring to raise funds as sufficient to repaint the building. In order to somewhat assist them, the students will give a musical and literary entertainment there tomorrow evening An interesting program has been arranged and all who may attend will be entertained Admission five cents.

Before another issue of the Carolinian the holidays will have come and gone. In this season of cheer and good will ye reporter begs to extend to all his best wishes that both Christmas, and New Year's may be happy, joyous and bright.

In the case of Lizzie A. Brown against J. R. Brown for damages tried here last week, the jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff for $2,300. Another case this week that attracts considerable attention, was that of the young men who some time ago shot into a room in which an entertainment was being held and wounded two or three persons one of whom shortly afterwards died.

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Cloth Capes start way down at 49c; velvet plush capes from $1.25 to $10. A nice lot of beaver capes, braid and bead trimmed, to go cheap. About 25 Ladies' Jackets will be closed out at cost.

HATS AND CAPS.

Men's and Boys $1.25 Hats will be closed out at 98c; the 65c kind for 49c; the $1.50 line for $1.33; Derby and Alpine $2.50 hats for $2.15. We have a new and up-to-date line of dress and winter Caps.

TRUNKS.

We have a full line of Trunks and Valices of all kinds, sizes and prices. Metal Trunks from $1 to $8. In this department we can please you.

CLOTHING.

Our prices on Clothing are dead. We have cut them to death. Men's Suits start at $2.50. Blue and Black Cheviot Winter weight, single or double breast, former price $8.00, will close them outs at $5.75; $10 wool Blue Suits tricoll finish, round or square, former price $9.25, are going now for $6.50; we have your Overcoat, come and get it. Come in and get an introduction to our Clothing, it will pay you to keep up the acquaintance.

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We have the best 10c hose in the market and a full line of winter Mitts and Gloves. Our Ladies' and Children's Union Suits for 25c and 50c are going rapidly. Our heavy cotton-fleeced and all wool underwear are bargains.

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These are only a few of the many bargains we are now offering and at our present prices our stock will soon be closed out. If you want to buy anything in our line you can save money by calling on us while these bargains last. You are welcome to come and see our goods and learn our prices whether you buy anything or not. Yours for Bargains, Next door to Melick's. J. A. HOOPER & CO.

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Sweetest thing that can be seen
Is a baby, fresh and clean.
Dainty clothes and tender skin
Need pure soap to wash them in.
Nurse and mother must be sure
Baby's bath is sweet and pure.
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A Quaker City Cat Story.

The family group were speaking of cats and their ways, and the peaceful-looking grandmother was asked to say something.

The old lady smiled, for she is not often slighted when in the company of younger people, and consented to tell a story about a kitten she had when she was a child.

"You know," she said, "I had a stepfather, and he liked to see me working about the house instead of playing with a kitten, so he ordered me to throw it in the brook which ran through our meadow.

"I was forced to do it, though I cried a great deal. I threw it in three times, but the little thing struggled out each time and finally dragged itself home after me. Then I pleaded so much that I was allowed to keep it.

"From that time on it was kind of wild, not staying in the house, but skulking around the barn. When it was full grown it began to kill our chickens, so my stepfather said it had to go. This time he caught it and tied a stone around it and drowned it. After an hour or two he drew it from the water and buried it.

"Now comes the part that is stranger than fiction. Two days after the same old yellow cat dragged itself up to the barn. We visited the place we had buried it and found it had come to life and rid itself of the stone, in what way I know not, and dug itself out.

"It stayed by the edge of our woods, getting the milk I set out every now and then, but disappeared when winter came."—Philadelphia Call.

Kaffir Football Team.

The Orange Free State is opposing England in more fields than one, for hailing from this State there is now in England a Kaffir football team which has won for itself golden opinions from lovers of the sport in England. The team has been invited to visit Germany and Austria when its British tour is completed. It is mostly composed of natives of the Basuto tribe, though two are Hottentots. A game between this team and our Carlisle Indians would be a drawing card.

My Mother Had Consumption

"My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. A neighbor told her not to give up but try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. She did so and was speedily cured, and is now in the enjoyment of good health." D. P. Jolly,
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No matter how hard your cough is or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you could possibly take. But it's too risky to wait until you have consumption, for sometimes it's impossible to cure this disease. If you are coughing today, don't wait until tomorrow, but get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once and be relieved. It strengthens weak lungs.

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Splendid Opportunities to make money occur in every man's life; those who take advantage of them are called successful. There probably will never be a better opportunity to speculate in stocks than this winter. A big boom expected. Write for treatise on "Our Country's Future," and plain rules of Wall Street speculation; mailed free.
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From saving, comes having. Ask your grocer how you can save 15c by investing 5c. He can tell you just how you can get one large 10c package of "Red Cross" starch, one large 10c package of "Hubinger's Best" starch, with the premiums, two beautiful Shakespeare panels, printed in twelve beautiful colors, or one Twentieth Century Girl Calendar, all for 5c. Ask your grocer for this starch and obtain these beautiful Christmas presents free.

Driving in Russian Cities.

In the larger cities of Russia there is no limit to the speed at which a horse may be driven through the public streets. The typical harness horse is the Orloff, a breed founded by Count Orloff-Chemenski, being a cross between the Arabian stallion Smetanka and imported mares, principally English. An average roadster is 16 hands high and weighs 1100 pounds, with heavy mane, a bushy tail that reaches nearly to the ground, and "iron" limbs that show great muscular development. The favorite color is gray. Such an animal is driven through the principal streets of St. Petersburg at a furious pace, that portion near the centre and beside the surface car tracks being reserved for fast driving. During the winter months teams of two and three abreast are driven to sleighs at a three-minute gait. There is racing all winter, the courses being flooded at night to provide three inches of solid ice. American pneumatic sulkies, harness, boots, gaiting appliances, etc., are in general use.—New York Press.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. Children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but is made from pure grains; the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Pasadena, Cal., has a sewerage farm which in one year returned a net profit of over $600.

Will Run Into Savannah.

It is announced that, commencing December 10, 1899, the Southern Railway Company will operate through train service over its own line via Columbia, Perry, Blackville and Allendale, S. C., to and from Savannah, Ga.

Commencing that date its through car service will be operated in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah, Ga., and the Florida East Coast Railway, to and from points on the east coast of Florida, with direct connections to and from Key West, Fla.; Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, N. P., via Miami, Fla., in connection with the Florida East Coast Steamship Line; and in connection with Plant System south of Savannah to and from other points in Florida, including points on west coast, with direct connections to and from Key West and Havana, via Tampa, Fla., in connection with Plant Steamship Line.—Washington Post, Nov. 10, 1899.

At a meeting held in London the other day it was resolved to initiate an automobile club.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
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Range cattle in the Southwest are selling for $10 a head more than they sold for six years ago.

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Russia has now about 229,000 miles of railway line, including the great extension in Siberia.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me many a doctor's bill.—S. F. HARDY, Hopkins Place, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2, 1894.

Contrary to popular belief, excitement causes much less insanity than monotony.

Where Ideas Have Cash Value.

The technical name for a person who makes a business of selling bright ideas is a "ghost," says the New York World. Artists with technical genius but blank minds as to ideas to be carried out, regularly employ "ghosts." Some newspapers have regular "ghosts." A suggestion for a caricature is worth money to them, and they pay well.

There is another market for ideas, and that is among the advertising agencies. People who get up catchy ads for merchants have a corps of bright people who do nothing but make up combinations of pictures and entertaining wording for advertising certain classes of goods.

A quick-witted "ghost" is worth everything to the advertiser. His whole fortune hangs on the success with which he engages the public eye. A young lady with an inventive turn of mind, who does nothing but think bright ideas for an art league, is paid according to the catchiness of the suggestion, from a quarter to $25 per "think."

Freight train crews on the Northern Pacific recently tied up a division in Montana for five hours while they obtained needed sleep.

Attention is called to the very useful articles contained in the premium list of the Continental Tobacco Co.'s advertisement of their Star Plug Tobacco in another column of this paper. It will pay to save the "Star" tin tags and so take advantage of the best list ever issued by the Star Tobacco.

METHUEN IS DRIVEN BACK

Fails in an Attack on the Boers and Suffers Heavy Loss.

RETIRES TO HIS FORMER POSITION

Enemy Successfully Defends a Strong Position Beyond the Modder River—British Infantry Attack Follows a Heavy Artillery Fire, But Both Are Ineffective—Boers Losses Also Large

LONDON (By Cable).—General Methuen has met with a reverse beyond the Modder River. He shelled the Boer position at Magersfontein on Sunday and early on Monday morning began an infantry attack which failed completely. The British force suffered severe losses, but held the advanced ground until Tuesday morning when General Methuen retired to his former position. The War Office has received the following dispatch from him dated at Modder River:

"As the Boers occupied the trenches strongly this morning, I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. I gather from prisoners and from Boers speaking to ambulance men that their losses were terrible, some corps being quite wiped out. They have been most kind to my wounded."

It is estimated that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men, and perhaps to more. Among the British killed was General Wauchope, who died leading his troops.

The British casualties also included the Marquis of Winchester, Major of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Colonel Downham, of the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. Among the wounded were Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Codrington and Captain Sterling, of the Coldstream Guards.

The War office has received the following dispatch from General Methuen, dated Tuesday:

"Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from 4 until dusk Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland Brigade attacked at daybreak Monday the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer artillery.

"They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1.15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland Brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's intrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles toward the Modder River. I, to-day, am holding my position and intrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

The position Lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent:

"Magersfontein Range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer intrenchments run around the whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat."

The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the murderous fire on the Highlanders at 200 yards caused in a single minute the larger part of the fearful British loss. He adds: "Startled and overwhelmed the brigade retired quickly, but rallied and retained their position." The Guards, who crossed the open veldt against the trenches on the right, fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours.

According to another telegram the Boers had trenches on the level veldt far beyond the foothills. These were hidden by screens of leaves. Some trenches between these and the hills were guarded with barbed wire, the enemy evidently fearing a bayonet attack. The Boers used only one gun until sunset, when a few rounds were fired from four guns.

Prisoners say that one of the lyddite shells fell on forty men, and that only five escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the langer, completely destroying it. The Boers are said to have outnumbered the British almost three to one.

A dispatch from Cape Town states that twenty-seven wounded officers and 266 wounded men have arrived at Orange River from Modder River.

FOUR KILLED IN A WRECK.

Passenger Train Dashes Into a Coal Train on the Jersey Central.

ALLENTOWN, Penn. (Special).—Passenger train No. 18 on the Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, while running at a rate of a mile a minute, crashed into a coal train running ahead at Triechlers, a small station twelve miles north of this city.

Four persons are known to be dead: Engineer Yeamans, of Easton; W. H. Smith, fireman, Easton; Thomas Heath, Easton, baggagemaster, all belonging to the passenger train crew, and George Hanna of Bergen, N. J., flagman of the coal train. The injured are George Shipton and John Graham, brakemen of the coal train.

The baggage car and smoker caught fire. The accident occurred at a sharp curve. So far as is known the flagman followed his instructions.

Allen Returned to the Senate.

Governor Poynter, of Nebraska, has appointed former Senator Allen to fill the Senatorial vacancy caused by the death of the late Senator Hayward.

Pacific Squadron of Evolution.

The battleship Iowa and the cruiser Philadelphia sailed in company a few days ago from Los Angeles, Cal., for Magdalena Bay, Lower California, where they will be joined by the cruiser Marblehead. The three vessels will compose a squadron of evolution to engage in winter exercises in the Pacific under command of Rear-Admiral Albert Kautz, who has raised his flag on the Philadelphia.

Extra Session of Michigan Legislature.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, has sent out a call for an extra session of the Legislature.

Boer-British War Notes.

Count Deville Leblois, a colonel in the French army, has joined the Transvaal forces as an authorized military attache.

There is one case of horse sickness at Frere Camp, Natal. Every effort will be made to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Orange Free State has proclaimed the annexation of Dordrecht, about fifty miles north of Queenstown, Cape Colony.

Comfortable wood and iron houses have been erected at Waterfall, a few miles from Pretoria, for the rank and file of the British prisoners.

Coolies to the number of 234, whom General White refused to receive at Ladysmith, arrived at Frere Camp, Natal, in a starving condition.

It is known that the Boers have cross-cut the ends of their Mauser bullets, thus producing an effect similar to the Dumdums.

A firm of English soap makers which gives a halfpenny to the Transvaal war fund for every cake of soap sold has already sent in £5000 to the fund.

The first batch of wounded soldiers from South Africa, numbering 133 men, arrived in the Thames a few days ago on board the British transport Sumatra.

The quantity of ammunition stored in the Transvaal is absolutely colossal, and would suffice for a ten years' war, even at the present rate of usage.

The Free Staters, it is alleged, have decided not to defend Bloemfontein, as it is not fortified, but to make a stand at Brandvlei, southwest of Bloemfontein.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

51	**BUTTER.**		
Creamery—West. extras, ₰	—	@	27
Firsts	25	@	26
Thirds to seconds	23	@	24
State—Thirds to firsts	23	@	26
State Dairy tubs, extras	—	@	25
Imitation Creamery	17	@	22
Factory, fresh firsts	17½	@	18
Low grades	16	@	17
	CHEESE.		
State—Full cream, fancy	12¾	@	12¾
Small	12½	@	13
Part skims, good to prime	7½	@	9¾
Full skims	4	@	5
	EGGS.		
Nearby—Fancy	25	@	26
Western—Choice	23½	@	24
Southern	—	@	23
	BEANS AND PEAS.		
Beans—Marrow, choice, 1898	—	@	2 20
Medium, 1898	2 00	@	2 05
Pea, choice, 1898	—	@	2 00
Red kidney, choice, 1899	—	@	2 30
White kidney, choice, 1899	2 60	@	2 65
Yellow eye, 1898	2 22½	@	2 25
Lima, Cal	3 30	@	3 35
Green peas, bags	—	@	1 25
	FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.		
Apples, King, ₰ bbl	2 00	@	3 50
Baldwin, ₰ bbl	1 50	@	3 00
Ben Davis, ₰ bbl	1 50	@	2 75
Grapes, Catawba, ₰ basket	10	@	12
Concord, ₰ basket	6	@	10
Cranberries, Cape Cod, ₰ bbl	6 00	@	7 50
	LIVE POULTRY.		
Fowls, ₰ lb	9½	@	10
Chickens, ₰ lb	—	@	8½
Roosters, ₰ lb	5½	@	6
Turkeys, ₰ lb	8	@	9
Ducks, ₰ pair	40	@	60
Geese, ₰ pair	1 00	@	1 37
Pigeons, ₰ pair	15	@	20
	DRESSED POULTRY.		
Turkeys, ₰ lb	8	@	12
Broilers, Phila., ₰ lb	11	@	16
Fowls, State & Penn., ₰ lb	—	@	9
Ducks, Western, ₰ lb	9	@	10
Geese, Eastern spring, ₰ lb	9	@	10
Squabs, ₰ doz	1 25	@	2 25
	HOPS.		
State—1899, choice, ₰ lb	14	@	15
1898, choice	9½	@	10
Pacific Coast, 1898, choice	11	@	12
Common to fair	8	@	10
Old odds	2	@	5
	HAY AND STRAW.		
Hay—Prime, ₰ 100 lb	—	@	87½
Clover mixed	72½	@	77
Clover	70	@	75
Straw—Long rye	62½	@	70
	VEGETABLES.		
Potatoes, L. I., ₰ bbl	1 62	@	1 87
Jersey, ₰ bbl	1 00	@	1 62
Sweet, Jersey, ₰ bbl	2 50	@	3 00
Cabbages, L. I., ₰ 100	3 00	@	5 00
Onions, Eastern red, ₰ bbl	1 00	@	1 25
Orange Co. red, ₰ bag	75	@	1 00
Okra, ₰ carrier	1 00	@	2 50
Squash, Fla., ₰ crate	1 00	@	1 25
Turnips, ₰ bbl	60	@	85
Peas, ₰ basket	1 00	@	2 50
Lima beans, ₰ bag	—	@	—
String beans, ₰ basket	1 00	@	2 50
Peppers, ₰ carrier	2 00	@	3 50
Cucumbers, ₰ crate	1 00	@	1 75
Egg plant, ₰ bbl	2 00	@	4 50
Celery, ₰ doz	10	@	40
Cauliflower, ₰ bbl	1 00	@	3 00
Brussels sprouts, ₰ qt	5	@	8
Carrots, ₰ bbl	75	@	1 25
	GRAIN, ETC.		
Flour—Winter Patents	3 50	@	3 80
Spring Patents	3 80	@	4 00
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	78¾
No. 2 Red	—	@	74
Corn—No. 2	—	@	39½
Oats—No. 2 White	—	@	31
Track mixed	29	@	31
Rye—Western	—	@	60½
State	56	@	61½
Lard—City	5¾	@	5¾
	LIVE STOCK.		
Beeves, city dressed	7	@	9¾
Calves, city dressed	9	@	12½
Country dressed	7	@	10¾
Sheep, ₰ 100 lb	3 00	@	4 50
Lambs, ₰ 100 lb	5 00	@	5 65
Hogs—Live, ₰ 100 lb	4 80	@	4 85
Country dressed	4	@	5
	TOBACCO.		

Western leaf is less active than it has been of late, but the market retains good tone, with prices virtually as they have been since the beginning of the month.

Domestic cigar leaf has continued active, some 1700 cases having changed hands the past three days, and prices remain quite firm for all but very faulty stock. The sales reported include 750 cases 1898 Wisconsin Havana at 10¾@13c.; 285 cases 1898 Pennsylvania domestic seed at 11@12½c.; 350 cases 1898 Zimmers, at 13@15¾c.; 100 cases 1898 Gebhardt at 12c.; 250 cases 1898 State Havana seed at 11@24c., and 100 cases 1898 Dutch at 13@14c.

Foreign leaf is commanding stiff prices and selling in fairly large way. During the past few days there have been sales of 500 bales of Havana at 60@62c., in bond, and 100 bales of Sumatra at 85c.@$1.60.

HIGH PRICE FOR BROOM CORN.

The Trust Controlling the Supply Decides to Charge $200 a Ton.

CHICAGO (Special).—The stockholders of the broom corn trust have held a secret meeting here and decided to make the price on broom corn $200 a ton. This is the first time the trust has given a quotation on the supply held by it, and it is said by stockholders that this price will advance materially within another month.

The trust, it is stated, holds fully ninety per cent. of the raw material. It is said that the broom corn supply is more than 15,000 tons short of the demand, and the dealers give that as the reason for the extraordinary price put on the visible supply, which is the highest mark reached in years.

THE COTTON CROP FOR 1900.

Department of Agriculture's Statistician Estimates It at 8,900,000 Bales.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The statistician of the Department of Agriculture reports 8,900,000 bales as the probable cotton production of the United States for 1899-1900. This estimate is based on a larger number of both general and special reports than has ever before been received by the Department in connection with a cotton crop.

The estimated productive area, in thousands of acres, is as follows: Virginia, 47; North Carolina, 1,223; South Carolina, 2,212; Georgia, 3,383; Florida, 113; Alabama, 2,883, Mississippi, 2,784; Louisiana, 1,179; Texas, 6,612; Arkansas, 1,725; Tennessee, 816; Oklahoma, 199; Indian Territory, 299; Missouri, 77. Total, 33,522.

Spain's First Order Since the War.

A Philadelphia firm has received an order for for electric cars to be shipped to Barcelona, Spain.

$3,000,000 Paper Mill in Maine.

The largest mill in the world for the exclusive manufacture of writing paper will be erected at Rumford Falls, Me. Work on it will be begun at once. New York and Boston capitalists are behind the scheme. The company will not be in the writing paper trust. The plant will cost $3,000,000.

Argentine's Wheat Crop.

The wheat prospects in the Argentine Republic are excellent. Exportable surplus will probably be 2,000,000 tons. The linseed crop may reach 330,000 tons, and the total wool clip is about 225,000 tons, which guarantees an exportable surplus.

Finance, Trade and Industry.

Southern cotton mills are all running full time.

The strength of wool is apparently unimpaired, though demand is quieter.

Canadian cotton goods have again been advanced. Raw wool is held above recent offers on export account.

Baltimore reports trade stimulated by cooler weather, and there is a ten per cent. increase in the oyster business.

The natural gas interests of twenty Indiana and Ohio towns have been consolidated, with a capital of $8,000,000.

More seasonable weather conditions have further stimulated the demand for boots and shoes at numerous points.

The apple crop is much larger than the previous year, but wholesale dealers complain that the fruit is not keeping so well.

Notwithstanding the advanced stage of the season, lumber, hardwood particularly, continues in active demand at most markets.

Kansas City reports packing-house products in good demand from South America, and the mule market is active on British demand for South Africa.

The feature of the coal trade has been the increasing scarcity of bituminous grades East and West, some markets being reported practically bare of supplies.

A heavy output of Canadian lumber is looked for as a result of the sawlogs decision, and American lumbermen are preparing to establish plants in Canada.

BANK ROBBER SHOT DEAD.

Watchman in Deep River, Conn., Kills One of Four Men.

They Were Trying to Get Into the Savings Bank and the Watchman Fired His "Riot Gun."

DEEP RIVER, Conn. (Special).—An attempt was made a few days ago to rob the Deep River Savings Bank. One of the robbers was killed. Four men were seen at 1.15 o'clock by the watchman, Harry D. Tyler, coming down Main street. As they reached the bank one of them came up the steps and peered through a window. Another of the four went to a side window near the door opening into the directors' room, back of the vault, while the other two went to the window opposite and began prying it up. Looking through the inner blinds, Tyler saw one man with both hands on a lever under the casing and one standing back of him. Holding a revolver in one hand, Tyler took aim with his riot gun and fired.

The shell contained nine balls. Dodging back against a wall, Tyler waited ten minutes, but could hear no sound. Approaching the window, he saw a man lying on his back with a hole in his head, the charge having hit him in the eye. An alarm was given over the telephone, but it was nearly an hour before help came and then Tyler crept out of the door and across the street on his hands and knees, fearing that the confederates might be in hiding. No traces of them have been found, although the police were notified all through this region to be on the lookout.

The dead man was apparently about thirty years old, with black hair, inclined to curl a little, black moustache, of medium weight, about five feet four inches in height and was well dressed in a dark suit. His revolver was found under him loaded and loose cartridges were in his pocket. On him were found six twist steel drills, a safety fuse, dynamite cartridges, soap for tamping the charge in, a money order receipt, No. 1743, issued at Springfield, Mass., December 4; a silver watch with gold-plated chain and $1.20 in money. His clothes were marked Albany. Aside from those found on body, the only tools found were two new ship carpenter's chisels, eighteen inches long, used to pry up the window.

The barking of a dog attracted Tyler's attention. It is supposed that the men belonged to a gang working in this State for several months. Jimmy Hope tried robbing this bank twenty-one years ago. Five years ago a second attempt was made. Two men supposed to belong to the gang were seen this morning urging a tired horse along the roads in Clinton, toward New Haven. The Deep River Bank is known as an institution with large deposits.

WOOD GOVERNOR OF CUBA.

Major-General Brooke Relieved of Command in the Island.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—By direction of the President, Major-General Leonard Wood, U. S. V., was assigned to the command of the Division of Cuba, relieving Major-General John R. Brooke, U. S. A. General Wood will, in addition to his duties as division commander, exercise the authority of Military Governor of the island.

MAJOR-GENERAL LEONARD WOOD, U. S. V.

The President has appointed him Governor of Cuba, relieving Major-General Brooke.

On completion of the transfer of command General Brooke is ordered to return to this city and report to the Adjutant-General of the Army for further orders by the Secretary of War. He will be accompanied by his authorized aids. In relieving General Brooke the Secretary of War desires to express his high appreciation of and thanks for the faithful and efficient service rendered by that officer as Military Governor of Cuba.

A CHILD BEGGARS' COMBINE.

Chose in Chicago Assigned Certain Territory to Each Other.

CHICAGO (Special).—The existence of a beggars' trust, which regulates the selling of chewing gum and matches and the collection of alms in the down-town office buildings in Chicago, was apparently disclosed in the Juvenile Court a few days ago.

Norah Greeley, a twelve-year-old girl, who has for more than a year sold chewing gum and begged in the Masonic Temple, informed Judge Tuthill that she would not dare beg in the City Hall or in any building except her own because "they" would not let her. "They," she said, were the other little girls who begged, and who agreed not to invade one another's territory.

SOUTH CANNOT GET COAL.

Low Water in the Mississippi and Ohio Causes a Serious State of Affairs.

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Special). — The drought and the consequent low water in the Mississippi, besides affecting the water supply of New Orleans, is making itself felt in the coal market. The water is so low in the Mississippi and Ohio that it has been impossible to send the Pittsburg product on hand is only 500,000 barrels instead of the usual 5,000,000 barrels or half a million tons, and there seems to be no chance of any coal barges getting down before the end of January. In consequence of the coal famine, the price has advanced fifty per cent., from $4 to $6 per ton.

A Congressman's Son Killed.

Albert Gardner, seventeen years old, son of Congressman John J. Gardner, met a tragic death in Egg Harbor City, N. J. He was out bicycle riding, and attempted to cross the railroad tracks. A fast express train, known as the "Neille Bly," hit him and hurled his body aside. The victim was instantly killed.

California's Orange Crop.

The orange crop of Southern California is estimated this season at sixteen thousand carloads. Northern California citrus districts will ship seven hundred cars.

Minor Mention.

Taxes were paid in Berlin in 1899 on 23,953 dogs.

America has two leper hospitals—New Orleans and San Francisco.

Germany now has a postage stamp of the value of two pfennigs, or half a cent.

It will cost $1,000,000 to perpetuate the Dewey Arch and colonnade that now stand in Madison Square, New York City.

A deficit of $49,000,000 in revenue below expenditure is estimated for Russian Government finances for the present fiscal year.

The product of the potato farms in Detroit, Mich., in 1899 was 10,430 bushels, produced at a cost of about eight cents per bushel.

The British Admiralty has ordered the ships on the China station to be painted black instead of white, to save expense.

Dr. Camara Pestana, the Lisbon bacteriologist, who identified the plague at Oporto as the bubonic plague, has died of the disease.

A movement is on in Minnesota to have the university Regents and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction elected by the people.

Japan will not restore captured ships to China, but will sell her new ally 240,000 Mauser rifles and 24,000,000 rounds of ammunition at a low rate.

Officers on United States warships in American harbors have complained that visitors are so numerous as to interfere with regular duties on shipboard.

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An Auto Wedding Party.

An electric car profusely decorated with white ribbons, traveling through the streets, was the cause of considerable amusement in London recently. The occupants of the car were guests going to attend the wedding of an employe of the electric tramway corporation, who had chosen the novel conveyance for his bridal coach. A local newspaper characterizes the bridegroom as "eccentric" in consequence. Evidently trolley parties are an unknown pleasure in "the old country."

The Centre of the United States.

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5 Salt and Pepper Set, one each, quadruple plate on white metal	50	26 Tool Set, not playthings, but real tools	650
6 Pipe, Briar Wood Pipe	50	27 Toilet Set, decorated porcelain, very handsome	800
7 Razor, hollow ground, fine English steel	50	28 Remington Rifle No. 4, 22 or 32 cal.	800
8 Butter Knife, triple plate, best quality	60	29 Watch, sterling silver, full jeweled	1000
9 Sugar Shell, triple plate, best qual.	60	30 Dress Suit Case, leather, handsome and durable	1000
10 Syrup Jug, sterling silver	70	31 Sewing Machine, first class, with all attachments	1500
11 Knife, "Keen Kutter," two blades	75	32 Revolver, Colt's, 38-caliber, blued steel	1500
12 Butcher Knife, "Keen Kutter," 8-in blade	75	33 Rifle, Colt's, 15-shot, 22-caliber	1500
13 Shears, "Keen Kutter," 8-inch	75	34 Guitar (Washburn), rosewood, inlaid	2000
14 Nut Set, Cracker and 6 Picks, silver plated	80	35 Mandolin, very handsome	2000
15 Base Ball, "Association," best qual.	100	36 Winchester Repeating Shot Gun, 12 gauge	3000
16 Alarm Clock, nickel	150	37 Remington, double-barrel, hammer Shot Gun, 10 or 12 gauge	2000
17 Six Genuine Rogers' Teaspoons, best plated goods	150	38 Bicycle, standard make, ladies or gents	2500
18 Watch, nickel, stem wind and set	200	39 Shot Gun, Remington, double barrel, hammerless	5000
19 Carvers, good steel, buckhorn handles	200	40 Regina Music Box, 15½ inch Disc	5000
20 Six Genuine Rogers' Table Spoons, best plated goods	250		
21 Six each, Knives and Forks, buckhorn handles	250		
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